

Book Notices.

Wealth and Waste: The Principles of Political Economy in Their Application to the Present Problems of Labour, Law and the Liquor Traffic. By ALPHONSO A. HOPKINS, Ph.D. Cloth, 12mo, pp. 286. Price \$1. New York, London and Toronto: Funk & Wagnalls Company.

This book will doubtless prove itself one of the most notable contributions to the literature of reform. The leading topics considered in the volume are: "Economy and Labour," "Wealth and Its Distribution," "Consumption and Waste," "Relation and Duty of Authority," "Harmony of Social Forces," and "Political Ways and Means." The most important sub-topics comprehended by these include: "The Relation of Ethics and Economy, and of Economy and Prohibition," "Want and Work," "Cause of Hard Times," "Labour's Purpose and Product," "Labour's Loss from Liquor," "The Problem of Distribution," "Wages and Waste," "Unproductive Consumption," "Wages and Want," "Losing Human Investments," "Moral Rights and Legal Limitations," "The Genesis and Logic of License," "Sources and Nature of Taxation," "Organized Moral Forces," "Logic of Local Option," "Harmonization of Forces," "The Inspiration of Strikes," "Law and Popular Morality," "Politics and Moral Questions," "Parties and Issues," "Suffrage and the Frauds Upon It," "Contributions to the Commonwealth," etc.

The ablest economists are quoted from, as to definition and statement with regard to economic principles, and their own propositions are projected, along their own logical lines, against the liquor traffic as a foe to labour, a parasite upon legitimate industries, and an element in the State which all the teachings of political economy demand shall be eliminated.

A Harmony of the Gospels. By REV. W. H. WITHROW, D.D., F.R.C.S. Third edition. Toronto: Wm. Briggs. Price 50 cents.

In a lengthy review of this book the *Toronto Mail and Empire* says: One of the hopeful signs of this age of criticism is the growing desire to know more of the wonderful life of Christ. It is the existence of this desire that produces so many works on this subject, and especially those that tell the story in the words of the evangelists. Many harmonies have been published in the past few years, each constructed on a distinct plan of arrangement, according to the idea of the order of events entertained by the author; one of the most recent is this monitessaron by Dr. Withrow.

The author is to be commended for using the Revised Version, for though it is full time to take this step, few as yet have made the venture. Although the book is not large, it repre-

sents a large amount of work, as anyone who has tried to construct a Harmony for his own use very well knows. It is an unpretending volume, yet a most important aid to the student of the New Testament. The introduction to John's Gospel constitutes the opening section. This lays emphasis on the growing devotional trend of Christological study, and contrasts with the idea, as represented by Robinson, of giving Luke's classical introduction the first place. This is followed by the genealogies of Jesus, and with advantage, as the logical sequence of John's statement of our Lord's divinity. Then the generally accepted arrangement is followed during the Judean and the early Galilean ministry, till after the Sermon on the Mount. From this point changes are to be noted.

At section thirty-five there is a marked change, but no doubt the author saw reason for the change, and these are matters about which difference of opinion is allowable.

The work would be improved if the number of sections were increased, for this would bring many facts into their appropriate prominence. In the next edition—and a new edition is sure to be called for when the merits of the work become known—the author would do well to add an index or synopsis of the Harmony at the end, showing the location of each passage in the Gospels, thus increasing its value for popular use. A book so creditable to Canadian authorship deserves better presswork than appears in this edition.

SEVERAL very interesting and stirring articles appear in the May number of *The Missionary Review of the World*—among others, two on the country peoples and missions of "Siam and the Laos." "The Negro as a Missionary" is an exceedingly interesting sketch of William H. Sheppard, an African, born in Virginia, who has lately been thrilling audiences in the United States with an account of his wonderful experiences in endeavouring to carry the Gospel to the people of his native land. Published monthly by the Funk & Wagnalls Co., 30 Lafayette Place, New York City. Price \$2.50 a year.

THE great Methodist demonstration in Rome, which was to have been held in September of this year, and which is being planned by the Rev. Dr. Burt, of Rome, and the Rev. Dr. Lunn, of London, is to be postponed until immediately after the Quadrennial Conference next year. It is thought that June would be a more attractive month for a visit to Rome than September. We understand, however, that the large party from America for the Women's Christian Temperance Union Convention in London, which is also being organized by Dr. Lunn, will take place next June.

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